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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 2000**  
**101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To repeal section 161.700, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to Holocaust education.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 161.700, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 161.700, to read as follows:

161.700. 1. This section shall be known as the "Holocaust Education and Awareness Commission Act".

2. There is hereby created a permanent state commission known as the "Holocaust Education and Awareness Commission". The commission shall be housed in the department of elementary and secondary education and shall promote implementation of ~~[holocaust]~~ **Holocaust** education and awareness programs in Missouri in order to encourage understanding of the ~~[holocaust]~~ **Holocaust** and discourage bigotry.

3. The commission shall be composed of twelve members to be appointed by the governor with advice and consent of the senate. The makeup of the commission shall be:

(1) The commissioner of higher education;

(2) The commissioner of elementary and secondary education;

(3) The president of the University of Missouri system; and

(4) Nine members of the public, representative of the diverse religious and ethnic heritage groups populating Missouri.

4. The ~~[holocaust]~~ **Holocaust** education and awareness commission may receive such funds as appropriated from public moneys or contributed to it by private sources. ~~[H]~~ **The commission** may sponsor programs or publications to educate the public about the crimes of

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~[thus]~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 genocide in an effort to deter indifference to crimes against humanity and human suffering  
19 wherever they occur.

20       5. The term "~~[holocaust]~~ **Holocaust**" shall be defined as the period from 1933 through  
21 1945 when six million Jews and millions of others were murdered by Nazi Germany and its  
22 collaborators as part of a structured, state-sanctioned program of genocide.

23       6. The commission may employ an executive director and such other persons to carry  
24 out its functions.

25       **7. (1) To educate students about the Holocaust and inspire in students a sense of**  
26 **responsibility to recognize and uphold human value and to prevent future atrocities, the**  
27 **second week in April shall be designated as "Holocaust Education Week".**

28       **(2) Holocaust education shall be taught during a week as determined by each**  
29 **school district and shall include age-appropriate instruction to elementary school**  
30 **students not lower than the sixth grade and high school students as determined by each**  
31 **school district. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to:**

32       **(a) Information about the history of and lessons learned from the Holocaust;**

33       **(b) Participation, in person or using technology, in learning projects about the**  
34 **Holocaust; and**

35       **(c) The use of materials developed or supported by the Holocaust education and**  
36 **awareness commission, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, or the St. Louis**  
37 **Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum.**

38       **(3) Based on the instructional materials provided under paragraph (c) of**  
39 **subdivision (2) of this subsection, the department of elementary and secondary**  
40 **education shall develop a curriculum framework of instruction for studying the**  
41 **Holocaust. The department shall make such curriculum framework available to school**  
42 **districts beginning in the 2023-24 school year.**

43       **(4) Each school district shall adopt the curriculum provided by the department**  
44 **of elementary and secondary education under subdivision (3) of this subsection or a**  
45 **substantially similar curriculum beginning in the 2023-24 school year. Each school**  
46 **district shall determine the minimum amount of instruction time that qualifies as a unit**  
47 **of instruction satisfying the requirements of this subsection.**

48       **(5) Each school district shall provide a plan of professional development for**  
49 **teachers to ensure such teachers are adequately prepared to provide the instruction**  
50 **required under this subsection.**

51       **(6) This subsection shall apply in the 2023-24 school year and all subsequent**  
52 **school years.**